

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

**813. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

Can the Minister please advise, for each local government authority in the financial year 2012–2013:

- (a) how much money was raised under the Emergency Services Levy (ESL); and
- (b) the expenditure from ESL funds in each of those local government authorities?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

- (a) [See paper 616.]
- (b) In 2012/13 the ESL raised \$228.904 million of DFES' \$310 million operating revenue . DFES provides and directly funds the following services:
  - career and volunteer Fire and Rescue Services;
  - volunteer emergency service units;
  - volunteer fire service units;
  - DFES operational management, technical support and administrative services;

Costs associated with services that are provided and directly funded by DFES are not distributed to individual local governments as they service multiple local government areas.

The Local Government Grants Scheme supports volunteer bush fire brigades and volunteer State Emergency Service (SES) units via payments to Local Governments. \$24.158 million was paid to Local Governments through the scheme in the 2012-2013 financial year.

[See paper 616.]